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ally see ? The writer is not certain, and in a case of uncertainty it is best to stay one's pen. But when Mr. Cock returned he *said* in presence of the defendant, his son, and Mr. Oluer, that the Solicitor-general was not leniently inclined and that Vizetelly's recognisances "to be of good behaviour " would have to be estreated; while the Eeeordor, Sir Thomas Chambers, held that there must be some imprisonment. Did Henry Vizetelly hear those last words ? According to his own account, afterwards, he never did; for had he done so, in spite of all Mr. Cook's bluster, he would never, he said, have pleaded guilty. But the poor man may well have misunderstood his counsel. He was in a condition little short of actual physical collapse. In a dreamy way, as it were, he gave, or seemed to give, a feeble assent to everything. Had there been time, his son would have made an effort to reopen the question, for it occurred to him that, even then, one might perhaps have dispensed with Mr. Cock's services and have induced Mr. Cluer to undertake the defence unaided. But there was no opportunity for further deliberation; the court was almost waiting, and one went downstairs to meet the inevitable.

The proceedings were brief. Vizotelly took

his stand
at the foot of the solicitors' table, his son
who sat there,
and who at every moment feared to see him
fall, holding
his hand the .while. For an instant, when
challenged, lie
hesitated, then ejaculated the word "guilty,"
much as if
he were expectorating.

Thus the case was never argued on its
merits. Of course
the Solicitor-general held that the previous
undertaking had
been violated, and asked that the defendant's
recognisances
in two hundred pounds should be estreated.
Then Mr. Cock